

Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey
Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
November 14th - 7:00 PM

The Meeting of the Recreation Commission of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:02p.m.

Opening 7:02 p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Adequate Notice

- Victor Cioni read the following Statement into the Record: “The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

Roll Call

- Present: Victor Cioni, Jeff Haines, Michael Nachbaur, and Joe Pinto
- Also Present: Melissa Hommes, Susan Turner and David Perricone Audience (7:18)

Minutes of Prior Meetings

- Michael Nachbaur motioned to approve the minutes from the 10/24/12 meeting with no changes. Seconded by Jeff Haines. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 3. Minutes approved, motion carried.

Audience Participation

- A resident was interested in hockey and baseball programs available. He was encouraged to visit the Recreation website and to also attend the baseball (Little League) meeting to be held 11/15/12. He was provided with contact information for baseball.
- Victor Cioni moved to close the audience participation. Seconded by Jeff Haines. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications

- Victor is updating sports’ registration pages, switching photo consent page with code of conduct.
- The Borough DPW will move and disassemble the large soccer nets and store them with small nets under the Grandstand.
- Adam Zimmer resigned as a full commissioner to become second alternate. Adam Robinson has agreed to become liaison for Youth Baseball and Adult Baseball, Jeff Haines agreed to also become liaison for Adult Softball effective immediately. Website to be updated accordingly

Recreation Director’s Report

- Background Check - The Background check policy, including the disqualifying offenses and the applicant appeals process, has been completed. The policy will be published. If/when Melissa receives a background check containing a questionable disqualifying offense she will review it with the Borough Manager and Chief of Police. Michael Nachbaur moved to approve the Background Check policy. Jeff Haines seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent : 3. Motion approved.

Report from Council Liaison

- None

Report from Secretary

- None

Old Business

- Background check appeal process – In January Victor will request a stipend from Borough Council to cover the cost of the Background checks.
- Grandstand snack bar fees/use – A contract for the use of the Grandstand snack bar and fees involved is still being composed. It will be discussed at the December meeting.
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New Business

- Karate refund approved.

Sports Programs

- Swim Team – A meeting was held between Melissa, Victor, Jeff and Christine Thompson. The tracking of Recreation employees working at swim team events and which entity will pay them was discussed.
- 5k – no report
- Youth Soccer – Terry Finnegan was asked to attend the December meeting during which feedback from the online survey will be reviewed.
- Field Hockey – no report
- Street Hockey – Skill assessment will be 6:00 Tuesday Dec 18th at Memorial School. 2 First Aid kits with extra ice packs should be at each school. Inventory of hockey equipment was done. Balls, black and white socks and possibly 2 boxes of smaller sticks needed. Mike said NHL NJ Devils may provide some equipment. He said we should begin the bidding process for Tshirts for Hockey, Youth Basketball and the Little Hoopsters Clinic. Allsport has the hockey shirt design from last year.
- Youth Basketball – Dec 3rd a League meeting will be held in the Boro Hall conference room. Dec 3rd practices will begin. Mike said each coach should have a First Aids kit. He has a good number of Assistant Coaches but he is looking for more Coaches. The registration cutoff will be determined after Mike receives and reviews the latest roster. While there are not many 7th or 8th graders yet Mike feels more will register after the Middle School tryouts are finished. The Little Hoopsters clinic is in need of Coaches and Assistant Coaches.
- Youth Baseball – no report.
- Girls Softball – no report
- Karate – Paul Kilduff likes using the Taylor Street Cafeteria. The 2nd Session will start Jan 11, 2013.
- Adult Softball – no report
- Mens Basketball – no report
- Pool – The pool and Grandstand have been winterized by CFM.
- Tennis Clinic – no report
- Lacrosse Clinic – no report.

Website – Changes Needed

- We now have 249 friends on Facebook.

Commission Comments

- Scott McDonald - nothing
- Jeff- nothing
- Adam – nothing

- Michael – Michael spoke with Rutgers regarding their S.A.F.E.T.Y. program. It is a lifetime certification course for coaches. The 3 hour program costs \$200 for the instructor plus \$30.50 for each participant, with a 25 person minimum. The Rec Commission could pay the \$200 and each coach pay their \$30.50. We could reach out to surrounding towns to fulfill the minimum.
- Tim – N/A
- Victor – Victor spoke with Dave Perricone regarding his interest in becoming a commissioner. At the January council meeting Victor will request additional funds for construction (fencing) projects. Victor also asked if we can ask DPW to cut the parks grass one last time if they have any time.

Recap

- Susan to provide Word version of Street Hockey registration form to Victor.
- Victor to check and change if necessary the background check form on the Recreation website.
- Victor to have a link to the background check policy put on the Recreation page of the Borough website and on the Recreation forms page. He will create a new icon for policies and procedures.
- Melissa to email Grandstand Snack bar 3rd party contract to commissioners prior to December meeting.
- Melissa to email Adam for a recap of the 5K.
- Susan to provide Mike with latest basketball roster by the end of the week.

Adjournment

- Michael Nachbaur motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm, seconded by Joe Pinto.
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Adjourn 8:26 PM